Debate To Be On TV

WASHINGTON (UPI) —
The House voted today to allow live television coverage of the final stage of the Judiciary Committee's debate and vote on impeachment of President Nixon.

The action permits the committee to decide which vote to let cameras record during the panel's historic debate, expected to start Wednesday. Most of the committee members have indicated they favor such coverage.

The measure was approved on a 3-46-40 roll call vote, and since it deals only with House business does not require Senate action.

Rep. John Rhodès, R-Ariz., House Republican leader, questioned Rep. Peter W. Rodino Jr., D-N.J., Judiciary Committee chairman, if the networks would be required to give continuous coverage of the debate rather than pick and choose sections.

Rodino said the committee would have to consider a broad range of ground rules when it votes, possibly later today, or the question of opening the sessions to broadcast coverage.

—Another federal judge, Barrington Parker, dismissed a perjury allegation against California Lt Gov. Ed Reinecke, leaving the case based solely on whether he lied about the date he told John N. Mitchell of an ITT campaign pledge.

—The newly installed chief Republican counsel for the Judiciary Committee, Sam Garrison, argued that the 38-member panel should not recommend the impeachment of President Nixon unless it felt it had a strong enough case to win conviction in the Senate. Garrison succeeded Albert Jenner as chief GOP counsel.

—At the Western White House, Nixon met with his chief defense lawyer, James D. St. Clair, and Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said afterward the White House was trying "to move people to look at the facts and not simply conjecture and surmise which has built up after the last two years."

Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, voted in favor of televising the debate.